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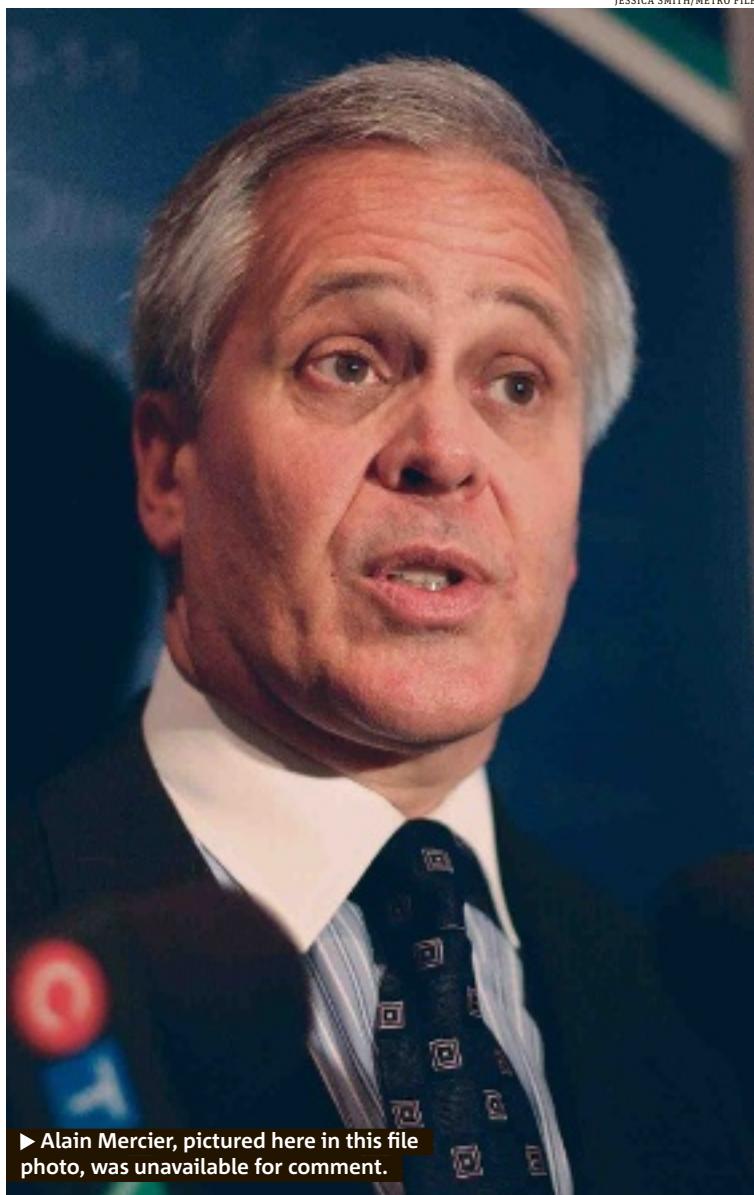
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► Alain Mercier, pictured here in this file photo, was unavailable for comment.

# City fires OC Transpo chief

► No reason given ► Mercier to receive some \$260K in severance

Alain Mercier was fired from his job as general manager of OC Transpo Wednesday.

City manager Kent Kirkpatrick made the decision and informed Mercier that he was no longer needed at OC Transpo on Wednesday morning, said Transit Commission chair Diane Deans.

Mercier was given a compensation package worth approximately \$260,000, Deans said.

Kirkpatrick announced the change after city councillors discussed the issue in camera over the lunch hour.

Former general manager of Public Works John Manconi is now the general manager of OC Transpo.

"It's important to highlight that John (Manconi) has succeeded before in leading a large organizational renewal, including rebuilding a senior management team, restoring front-line morale, building and maintaining an effective working relationship with a union and championing a client-service

focus in the workforce," said Kirkpatrick.

No reason was given for why Mercier was fired.

Mercier became the general manager of OC Transpo in January 2007. He oversaw many changes to the public-transportation system, most recently the Network Optimization Plan, which saw \$20 million cut from the system in September and about \$5.5 million put back in January of this year.

The optimization scheme was unpopular with passengers.

Amalgamated Transit Union Local 279 president Garry Queale said the firing is "a big morale booster" for the union's front-line members.

"Over the past few years that Mr. Mercier was here, a lot of the membership directed the morale problems, unfortunately, at Alain Mercier," he said, "and with him being out of the picture, Mr. Manconi can come in and right the ship."

Queale said he is not very famil-



**"It's unfortunate when people get fired, but I think it's a step in the right direction."**

GARRY QUEALE, PRESIDENT,  
AMALGAMATED TRANSIT UNION LOCAL 279

iar with Manconi but spoke with him Wednesday and will meet with him soon.

"It's unfortunate when people get fired, but I think it's a step in the right direction," he said.

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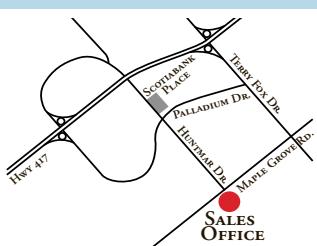
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# Man tells of Tunisian terror

- University of Ottawa grad says he was beaten by police in north African country
- Recovering from facial injuries he says were caused after an altercation at traffic stop



**JOE LOFARO**  
@METRONNEWS.CA

A Canadian citizen says he was beaten by police officers in Tunisia last Wednesday and wants the Canadian government to intervene in an investigation as he waits for consular help in the capital, Tunis.

Walid Gouadria, 30, a University of Ottawa graduate, said he returned to his native Tunisia after mass anti-government protests swept the country early last year.

A week ago he and his cousin, Adel Samoudi had an altercation with a group of police officers at a traffic stop, he said Wednesday when reached by telephone. When the cops started being verbally abusive and using "demeaning" language, Gouadria said he recorded the incident with his iPhone.

"They did not like the fact that I recorded their misbehaviour and they wanted to take the phone from me," said Gouadria from his home in Sfax, about 270 kilometres from southeast of Tunis.

That's when the officers allegedly punched him repeatedly in the stomach and face and one officer kicked him in the eye with his boot.

Gouadria said he and Samoudi were driven to a police station where they were beaten again until a head officer intervened. Gouadria is recovering from his injuries at home.

"Three fractures: one



► Walid Gouadria took these pictures of his face covered in bruises after his alleged assault by police officers in Tunisia.



► A family member of Walid Gouadria took these pictures of his face the morning after his alleged assault last week.



under the eye, the sinus, the nose, and I have my back bruised" he said. "Majorly, it's the face that hurts."

The Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade said it is verifying reports of a Canadian citizen assaulted in

Tunisia.

"Canadian consular officials in Tunis stand ready to provide consular assistance," said Aliya Mawani, a spokesperson for DFAIT.

Gouadria said the Canadian embassy couldn't identify him over the phone because he left his

identification and passport in Tunis, but now that he is feeling better, he will retrieve the documents Thursday. He hopes the Canadian government can protect him.

Gouadria said Canada's involvement could pressure Tunisian authorities

to investigate the matter and deter police from retaliating.

"Just in case things go wrong here it would be nice to feel backed up by Canada," he said. "If they show that they're watching this case ... people will back off."

## Crash claims three lives

A father and son from Orleans and a woman from Mountain Grove were killed when their vans collided with each other on Highway 7 near Perth Wednesday.

The fatal collision occurred near Maberly and Sharbot Lake at approximately 7:25 a.m.

OPP said the driver of the westbound van, John

Duffy, 47, and his son, Thomas Duffy, 16, were pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of the eastbound van, Karen Thompson, 39, was also pronounced dead at the scene.

Two passengers who were travelling with Duffy and his son — a 53-year-old man and a 10-year-old boy — were transported by am-

bulance to the Perth hospital with serious injuries. OPP said the 10-year-old was later transported to the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario. The identities of the passengers haven't been released.

OPP said the westbound vehicle lost control and was struck by the eastbound vehicle.

JOE LOFARO

## Family of dead cyclist thanks police, paramedics

The family of a 32-year-old Ottawa cyclist who died in hospital Sunday after he was struck by a vehicle nearly three weeks ago, released a statement to police Wednesday.

Nathan Anderson was hit by an alleged drunk driver on Carling Avenue on Feb. 2.

"Our gratitude goes out

to all the police officers and emergency services personnel who were so close and acted so quickly that they managed to get Nathan to the trauma unit with his heart still beating," the family said in the statement.

Glen Carkner, 44, has been charged in Anderson's death. JOE LOFARO



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# Major projects OK'd at mega-meeting

► Milestone city-council meeting sees approval of Lansdowne Park reports, stricter smoking ban, water rate hike and double-A baseball at Ottawa Stadium



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City councillors approved a raft of major projects and plans on Wednesday, including a water rate hike, a deal to bring double-A baseball to Ottawa, a stricter smoking ban and key steps in the Lansdowne Park project.

Councillors said yes to boosting water rates by 74 per cent over the next decade, with an almost immediate six per cent jump. The initial hit will up the average bill to about \$668 a year from \$636.

## Smoke signal

► Bylaw officers will begin laying fines on July 2 for smoking on restaurant and bar patios and on city property, in parks and on beaches, after an education campaign and a warning period.

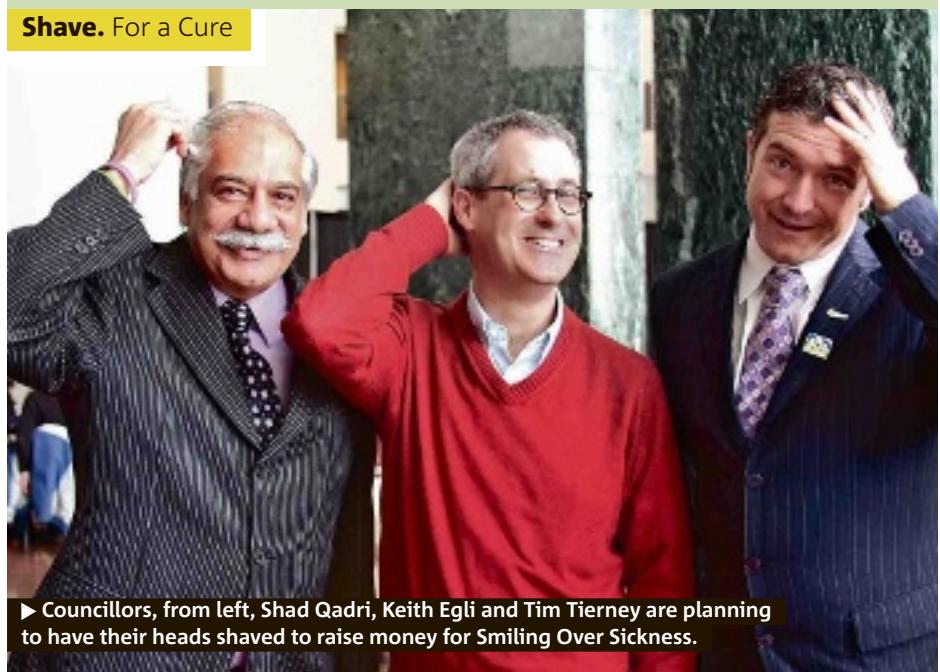
A deal to lease the Ottawa Stadium to Beacon Sports Capital Partners, on condition they bring a double-A baseball team affiliated with a major-league team for the 2013 season, also got the green light. The name of the team that will be moved

from the U.S. to Ottawa has been a closely guarded secret, but should be revealed in the coming weeks, said Coun. Rick Chiarelli, a proponent of pro ball in Ottawa.

A ban on smoking on restaurant and bar patios, and on city property, parks and beaches, was also approved with little dissent.

Finally, councillors approved several reports on the redevelopment of Lansdowne, including a plan for traffic management in the Glebe, the lease and sale of air rights for the new buildings and program planning.

## Shave. For a Cure



► Councillors, from left, Shad Qadri, Keith Egli and Tim Tierney are planning to have their heads shaved to raise money for Smiling Over Sickness.

JESSICA SMITH/METRO

## As a charity event, this is shear genius

Three Ottawa city councillors are planning to shave their pates at the University of Ottawa's Shave for a Cure event on Friday. Shad Qadri, Keith Egli and Tim Tierney will go under the razor to raise money for Smiling Over Sickness, which helps volunteers contribute to the lives of children who have cancer. The charity is run by the University of Ottawa faculty of medicine, and Shave for a Cure is an annual benefit. The shaving takes place at 7 p.m. at the J. Benson Cartage Centre in Lansdowne Park.

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# Job website not working

► Feds mum on why job-search site is undergoing security upgrades



The federal government employment website workingincanada.gc.ca has been offline all week with a notice telling job seekers it is "temporarily unavailable due to technical difficulties."

A spokesperson for Human Resources and Skills

Development Canada said it is "currently undergoing security upgrades" and did not answer whether those upgrades were planned or unplanned, or if the job bank was the target of hacking.

"Job Bank is committed to ensuring that job posting information is secure,

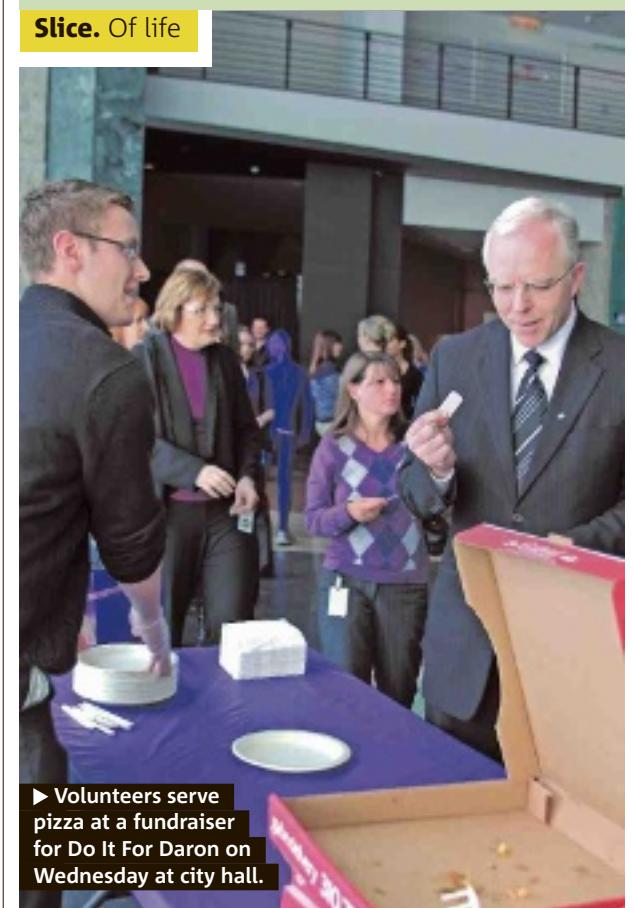


accurate, and timely to support Canadians in their search for employment," the spokesperson wrote in an email to Metro on Monday.

On Monday, the spokesperson said the website was expected to be working in the next couple of days.



**Slice. Of life**



JESSICA SMITH/METRO

## Doing lunch for Daron

Do It For Daron held a pizza lunch Wednesday to raise funds and awareness about mental-health issues. The charity was founded by the friends and family of Daron Richardson, who took own her life at age 14.

**South-end drug bust leads to charges for two men**

Two Ottawa men face drug-trafficking charges after police executed two search warrants Tuesday in the city's south end.

Police executed search warrants in the 1900 block of Prince of Wales Drive as well as the 2800 block of Cedarwood Drive.

Police said they seized

**\$145,000**

Total street value of drugs seized in raid.

large quantities of cocaine, hashish, OxyContin, marijuana, hydromorphone and nabilone.

They also seized an undisclosed amount of Canadian money.

John White, 49, and Anthony Pugliese, 46, were both charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking and proceeds of crime.

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## CHILD MOLESTER

**Nabbed ... after decade on the lam**

A convicted child molester who has been on the run from U.S. authorities for a decade has been captured in Canada.

Steven Dyer is wanted in Arizona after failing to show up for a court appearance.

He was convicted in 2002 on 13 counts of child molestation and



► Dyer

faces a minimum term of 169 years behind bars.

Border agents nabbed him at Montreal's Trudeau airport as he returned from Venezuela on Tuesday. He was living in Vancouver.

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**Mandatory law wrong: U.S. lawyer**

A lawyer who helped U.S. politicians write mandatory-minimum-sentencing laws has a warning for Canada.

Long jail terms for minor drug offences have been a mistake in the U.S. and won't work in Canada,

said Eric Sterling.

Sterling is one of 28 current and former law-enforcement officials in the U.S. who have written to Canadian senators, as well as Prime Minister Stephen Harper and the premiers.

They take issue with Bill C-10, which includes mandatory minimum sentences for drug offences and is being studied in the Senate,

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**'I am deeply sorry,' says ex-coach James**

► Sex abuser apologizes to shaken world of hockey

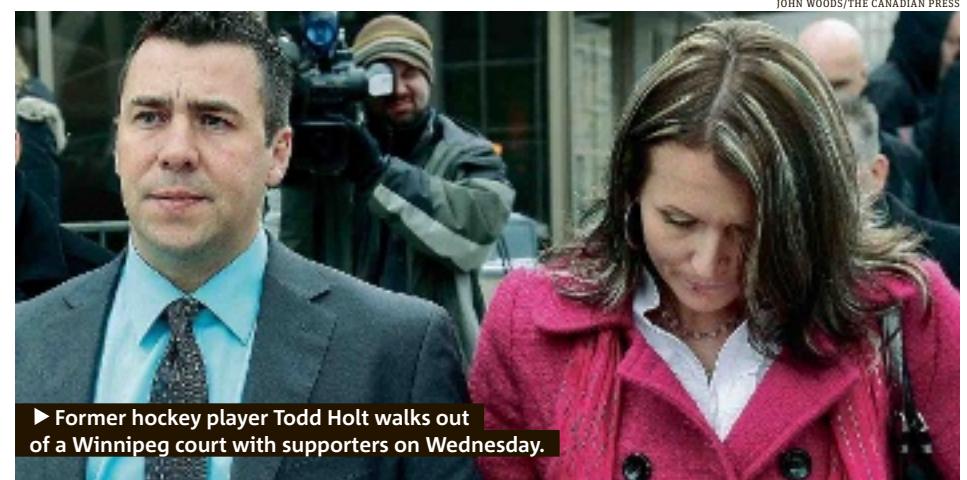
"I apologize."

One of Canada's most reviled sex offenders stood in court Wednesday and expressed his deep remorse for sexual abuse that shattered the hockey world.

"I stand before you with regret," former junior hockey coach Graham James said at his sentencing hearing in Winnipeg.

"I apologize to the Canadian hockey public, whose interest in the national game should be found in celebration.

"I apologize to the institution of hockey ... to the many good people who



► Former hockey player Todd Holt walks out of a Winnipeg court with supporters on Wednesday.

work only for the betterment of the sport."

James apologized to the players he coached and their families.

"I apologize to the parents and the families of those most personally affected.... I abused the trust you put in me."

But he saved the most direct apology for last.

"Finally, and most importantly, I apologize to Theoren Fleury and to Todd Holt, against whom I have offended.

"I wanted the best for you but I did not give you my best," he said.

"My actions forfeited our friendship."

James, 59, pleaded guilty in December to sexually abusing Fleury and Holt when they played for him in the 1980s and '90s.

The sentencing decision was reserved.

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**Niagara Falls icon sailing off into the mist**

One of the largest tourist draws in Niagara Falls may not be open this year.

After 165 years, the Maid of the Mist Steamboat Co. has lost the contract to operate boats there.

The Niagara Parks Commission said Wednesday it has awarded a 30-year deal for boat-tour operations in the Niagara Gorge to

Hornblower Canada, a California-based company.

"This is a great day for the Niagara Parks Commission and a great day for the tourism industry in Niagara and across Ontario," said chair Janice Thomson.

But the Hornblower service isn't scheduled to begin until the spring of 2014 and the Maid of the



► Maid of the Mist riders wear blue plastic ponchos as they view the wonder of the Falls.

Mist company isn't sure it can stay in business for this summer's tourist season.

"As a result of this decision, our business, with a 165-year history of service to tourists from around the world, may soon come to an end," said company president Christopher Glynn.

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**A new course**

► The commission quietly gave the Maid of the Mist company an untendered 25-year contract extension in 2008.

► But Ontario's Liberal cabinet ordered the commission to open the tour boats to competitive bidding in 2009.

**Sask. to pull away from Oxy**

Saskatchewan has joined Ontario and the Atlantic provinces in taking steps to stop funding the painkiller OxyContin and a new version of the drug, OxyNeo.

The changes coincide with plans by the manufacturer, Purdue Pharma Canada of Pickering, to discontinue producing OxyContin at the end of

**Ontario plan**

► The Ontario Health Ministry says OxyNeo will now be funded through the province's Exceptional Access Program, which places prescriptions for the drug under tighter controls.

February and replace it with OxyNeo.

Starting at the end of the month, Saskatchewan will only pay for OxyNeo for cancer or palliative care patients.

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**Bin Laden rivals feared by CSIS**

Just hours after U.S. forces killed Osama bin Laden, Canada's spy agency predicted Islamic extremism would live on despite the al-Qaida leader's death.

A newly released assessment by the Canadian Security Intelligence Service says Bin Laden — though very important — was not the only ideologue advocating war between Islam and the West.

It suggests groups inspired by the al-Qaida message might carry out attacks independently of the terrorist network.

Bin Laden was buried at sea last May after a covert U.S. team stormed a compound in Pakistan and killed him.

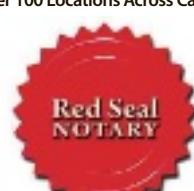
The CSIS assessment was obtained under the Access to Information Act.

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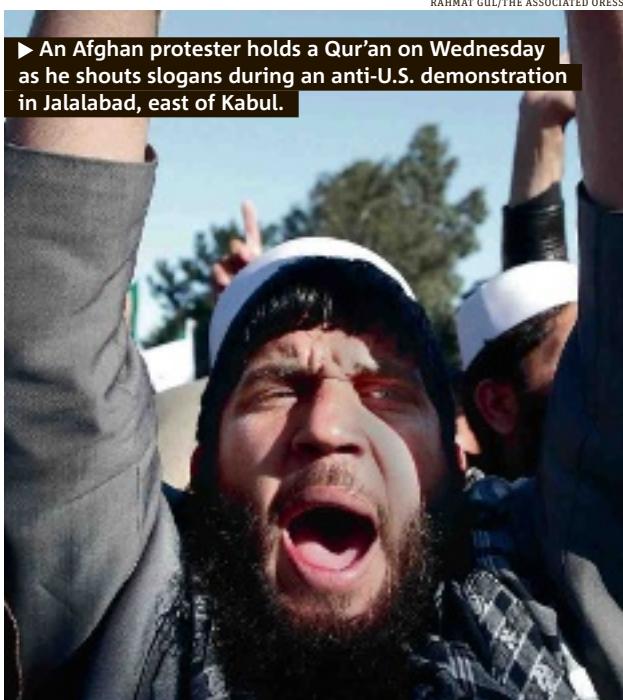
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## Qur'an riots leave at least 7 dead

► Afghans angry over U.S. military burning of Muslim holy book ► Top officials apologize, call for talks

Clashes between Afghan troops and protesters angry over the burning of Muslim holy books at a U.S. military base left at least seven people dead and dozens wounded Wednesday as anger spread, despite U.S. apologies over what it said was a mistake.

The demonstrations across four eastern provinces illustrated the intensity of Afghans' anger at what they saw as foreign forces flouting their laws and insulting their culture.

The violence was also a reminder of how easily Afghan-U.S. relations can deteriorate, as the two countries work to forge a long-term partnership ahead of the withdrawal of foreign forces in 2014.

The unrest started Tuesday when Afghan workers at the main American military base, Bagram Air Field, saw soldiers dumping books in a pit where garbage is burned and noticed Qur'ans and other religious material among the trash.

The top U.S. and NATO commander, Gen. John

### By the numbers

- In Kabul, about 2,000 people massed outside a heavily guarded housing complex for foreigners, chanting "Death to America!" as they hurled rocks at the compound's reinforced walls and set a fuel truck ablaze.
- The country's council of Muslim clerics called the apologies from U.S. authorities insufficient and said military officials should punish those responsible.
- The demonstrations prompted the U.S. to lock down its embassy and bar its staff from travelling.

Allen, quickly issued an apology and telephoned President Hamid Karzai and major news organizations to explain that a collection of religious materials, including Qur'ans, had been mistakenly sent to be incinerated. Four copies of the Qur'an were burned before the incineration was halted, according to initial Afghan government reports.

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## Mubarak's fate to be decided in June

An Egyptian judge on Wednesday set June 2 as the date for the verdict and sentencing in the trial of ousted President Hosni Mubarak, which could put



the man who spent nearly 30 years as one of the Arab world's key strongmen on death row.

Mubarak is accused of

complicity in the killing of protesters during the 18-day popular uprising that pushed him from power in February of last year. More than 800 people were killed during the uprising, many of them demonstrators shot dead by security forces.

A guilty verdict would make Mubarak the first leader ousted during the Arab Spring uprisings to face legal punishment by

his own people.

A ruling of not guilty — a distinct possibility — could set off new a new round of unrest.

Egyptians have closely followed the seven-month-long case, and many accuse the council of ruling army generals who took power when Mubarak stepped down of dragging out the proceedings.

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# Shelling in Syria kills two Western journalists

- Deaths condemned globally, situation to be assessed
- Foreign media being smuggled into country illegally

Syrian gunners pounded an opposition strong-hold where the last dispatches from a veteran American-born war correspondent chronicled the suffering of civilians caught in the relentless shelling. An intense morning barrage killed her and a French photojournalist — two of 74 deaths reported Wednesday in Syria.

"I watched a little baby die today," Marie Colvin told the BBC on Tuesday from the embattled city of Homs. "Absolutely horrific, a two-year-old child had



► Marie Colvin in a photo held by her mother.

been hit," added Colvin, a veteran foreign correspondent for Britain's Sunday Times.

Colvin, 56, and photographer Remi Ochlik, 28, were among a group of journalists who had crossed into Syria and were sharing accommodations with activists, raising speculation that government forces targeted the makeshift media centre, although opposition groups had previously described the shelling as indiscriminate. At least two other Western journalists — French reporter Edith Bouvier of Le Figaro and British photographer Paul Conroy of the Sunday Times — were wounded.

Activist Omar Shaker said the journalists were killed when several rockets



► Remi Ochlik

hit a garden of the house in the besieged neighbourhood of Baba Amr at around 10 a.m.

Hundreds of people have died in weeks of siege-style attacks on Homs that have come to symbolize the desperation and defiance of the 11-month-old uprising against President Bashar Assad. The bloodshed brought some of the most galvanizing calls for the end of Assad's rule.

"That's enough now. The regime must go," said French President Nicolas Sarkozy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Eight bodies found on deck of Costa Concordia

Divers searching the capsized Costa Concordia cruise ship off a Tuscan island found eight bodies Wednesday on one of the passenger decks, including that of a missing 5-year-old Italian girl, authorities said. Italy's national civil protection agency said three of the bodies were recovered a few hours after being spotted by divers. It said they are those of a woman, a girl and a man. Because of worsening weather, the divers were not able to immediately remove the other five bodies. The bodies were transferred to hospital. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### 32

**is the death toll on the capsized Costa Concordia, including bodies recovered and the missing, who are presumed dead.**



► Firemen rescue wounded passengers from a commuter train after a collision in Buenos Aires on Wednesday.

## 49 KILLED IN RUSH-HOUR ARGENTINA TRAIN ACCIDENT

The first two cars were packed so tightly for the morning rush that people were sandwiched between bicycles and the few seats.

This train didn't lurch, though. It had trouble stopping, overshooting platforms and missing at least one station entirely. It didn't come to a halt until it had slammed into a metal barrier at Buenos Aires' Once station. With

more than 1,200 people on board, the momentum was devastating. Forty-nine people were killed and 600 were injured. The cause has not been determined, but many pointed to a deteriorating rail system. The dead included 48 adults and one child, and 461 were hospitalized, Transportation Secretary J.P. Schiavi said.

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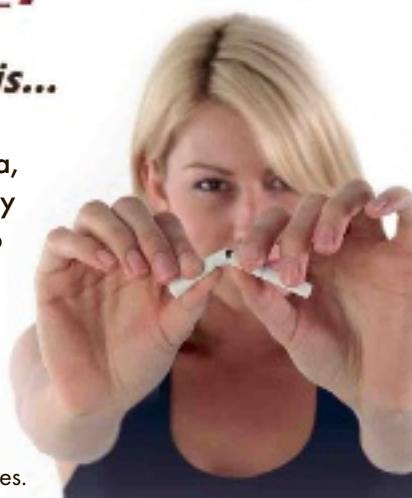
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## LAWMAKER STANDS BY GIRL-SCOUT CRITICISM

Undaunted by ridicule from the leader of his own party, an Indiana lawmaker is standing by his allegations that the Girl Scouts is a radical organization that promotes abortions and homosexuality.

The Scouts and Planned Parenthood have dismissed Rep. Bob Morris' comments as absurd, as did Brian Bosma, the Republican Speaker of Indiana's House of Representatives. But Morris,

also a Republican, told The Associated Press his critics need to do more research into the 100-year-old organization.

"My family and I took a view and we're sticking by it," Morris said Tuesday, adding that his daughters were joining an alternative group for young girls run by conservative Christians. "My girls are no longer Girl Scouts. They're now going to join American Heritage Girls."

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# Romney, Santorum running virtual dead heat in key states

► But national polls say staunch social conservative Rick Santorum is front-runner in presidential race

It's been almost a month since the last Republican presidential debate, and once again the race for the party's nomination is vastly different than it was when Mitt Romney efficiently put the boots to his biggest threat, Newt Gingrich, during a Florida faceoff.

Romney's no longer the front-runner in national polls.

Gingrich's support has all but evaporated.

Ron Paul is Romney's new best friend.

And Rick Santorum, with his fierce social conservatism, sits atop the polls nationally while running neck-and-neck with Romney in the crucial states of Arizona and Michigan.



Unsurprisingly, Santorum was on the hot seat for the 20th Republican presidential debate hosted by CNN in Arizona on Wednesday.

It marked the first time he was centre stage for a debate, and he was expect-

ed to come under attack by his rivals, particularly Romney and Paul, who have reportedly formed a behind-the-scenes alliance to look out for one another on the campaign trail and beyond.

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### He said what?

- On the campaign trail Santorum has come out against pre-natal testing, saying it leads to abortions.
- He's also on the record in 2008 as saying birth control poses a threat to the nation, that sex is only meant for the purpose of procreation and that "Satan has his sights on the United States of America."
- Meanwhile, Romney recently attacked the Obama administration saying it has "fought against religion" and sought to substitute a "secular" agenda for one grounded in faith.
- Religious liberty has been a popular topic lately because of the Obama administration's mandate that insurance companies provide free birth control to women.

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## India. Aviation



► Indian passengers make enquiries at a Kingfisher Airlines reservation counter at the domestic airport in Mumbai on Wednesday.

## Airline grounded by money woes

India's top aviation watchdog is ordering struggling Kingfisher Airlines to explain dozens of cancelled flights as the carrier battles mounting financial troubles. News reports say the authority is concerned about passenger safety.

## EU refers copyright treaty to high court

► Proponents say the agreement is needed to harmonize global standards and protect content producers' rights

The European Commission, facing opposition in city streets, on the Internet and in the halls of parliament, has suspended efforts to ratify a new international anti-counterfeiting agreement, and instead will refer it to Europe's highest court to see whether it violates any fundamental EU rights.

EU Trade Commissioner Karel De Gucht asserted Wednesday that an opinion from the European Court of Justice would clear away the fog

of misinformation surrounding the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement, known as ACTA.

"This debate must be based upon facts and not upon the misinformation or rumour that has dominated social media sites and blogs in recent weeks," De Gucht told reporters in Brussels.

The decision appeared to reflect recognition by European Union officials of the political obstacles. Protests against the agree-

ment were staged earlier this month in several European capitals by critics who say the agreement would stifle free speech and access to information.

The hacking group known as Anonymous claimed responsibility last week for a new series of hacks against the U.S. Federal Trade Commission and consumer-rights websites. The sites were replaced with a violent German-language video satirizing ACTA.

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## Recovery expectations low after Greek bailout

Greece on Wednesday insisted a new 130-billion-euro bailout deal will "bind" it to the euro, but again lowered expectations of recovery as it faced skeptical world markets, continued protests and another downgrade of its debt deeper into junk status.

As the government scrambled to push new austerity measures, Finance Minister Evangelos Venizelos said the new rescue package approved by eurozone countries would shield Greece from default.

"The agreement is of historic importance, because it binds Greece to the euro," Venizelos told private Mega television.

"It was not only the approval of the 130 billion euros in additional support for Greece. But this also comes with a European commitment ... of support for as long as is necessary for Greece to return to the markets."

He added: "This is a decisive and irreversible ac-



► A homeless man begs for money in Athens on Wednesday.

tion by our partners: Greece is a member of the euro and will remain a member of the euro and there is no issue of bankruptcy, there is no issue of the country's financial collapse."

Earlier, around 6,000 protesters chanting "EU out, IMF out!" marched through central Athens in a peaceful rally against the new austerity measures.

Eurozone countries on Tuesday approved the new

bailout deal, and a 107-billion-euro debt writedown by banks and other private holders of Greek bonds.

In response, Fitch downgraded Greece's credit rating further into junk status, while world markets appeared nervous at the prospects of forcing through new austerity measures in a country stuck in recession for a fifth year and with unemployment topping 20 per cent. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Honda recalls Odyssey vans in Canada

Honda is recalling 2,790 Honda Odyssey vans in Canada as part of a larger recall because the rear doors can fall on people

unexpectedly — and have on at least two occasions in the U.S.

The problem affects minivans from the 2008 and 2009 model years that have power lift gates.

The carmaker is recalling nearly 46,000 Odyssey minivans in the United States.

The U.S. National Highway Traffic Administration says on its website that gas can leak out of the struts that sup-

port the lift gates and the doors could close unexpectedly, increasing the risk of injury.

Honda says the problem has caused two minor injuries and that the company will replace both power liftgate struts for free.

The company says it will send letters to van owners next month with instructions about the recall.

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# Canadians expect to work past age 66: Poll

► Nearly half of respondents to Sun Life survey said they are worried about having debt in retirement

As Canadians live longer and face tougher financial choices in their golden years, fewer than a third of respondents in a recent survey said they plan to be fully retired by 66.

Sun Life Financial's annual Unretirement Index poll, released early Wednesday, found that only about three in 10 Canadians surveyed said they plan full retirement at that age.

And the average expected age of retirement

now hovers at 68 — up from 66 just last year.

"That's a fairly short space of time for an attitude change of that degree," said Kevin Dougherty, president of Sun Life Financial Canada.

The poll results from Canada's third-biggest insurance company reflect what other public opinion surveys have shown for a while — that the concept of Freedom 55 is a thing of the past.

"These results are not

surprising given the current economic volatility, increasing consumer debt loads, rising health-care costs, longer life expectancy and lack of planning. We're also finding that some Canadians believe they'll have to work longer to be able to pay for basic living expenses," said Dougherty.

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## Parka maker sues for logo infringement

A well-known outerwear manufacturer is suing a retailer over trademark infringement, accusing it of making shoddy replicas of the distinctive Canada Goose parkas.

It's alleged in the lawsuit that International Clothiers Inc. has intentionally designed a logo to mimic the Canada Goose Arctic Program design trademark.

Canada Goose Inc. filed a statement of claim late last month asking the Federal Court to stop International Clothiers from using its Canada Weather Gear and Super Triple Goose logos, "or any confusingly similar mark." THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Microsoft files complaint against Motorola

Microsoft lodged a formal complaint on Wednesday with the European Union's competition regulator against Motorola Mobility and its soon-to-be owner Google, saying Motorola's aggressive enforcement of patent rights against rivals breaks competition rules.

Motorola is in the process of being taken over by Google for \$12.5 billion US, the biggest acquisition in the Californian company's history.

Microsoft fears that Google will continue Motorola's tight hold on key patents.

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Twitter co-founder Christopher Isaac "Biz" Stone has a message for those followers who stare at their tweet feeds for hours on end: it's not healthy. He told a Montreal business audience even he is amazed by the influence of Twitter, which the founders initially thought would just be used for fun.

## Tear yourself away from tweets: Stone



► Twitter co-founder Biz Stone speaks to the Board of Trade in Montreal on Wednesday.

RYAN REMIORS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Cherie Blair to sue over phone hacking

The wife of former British Prime Minister Tony Blair is suing Rupert Murdoch's British newspaper company over phone hacking, her lawyer said Wednesday.

Cherie Blair is suing "in relation to the unlawful interception of her voicemails," lawyer Graham Atkins said in an email, making her one of the most high-profile people to have challenged Murdoch's News International over the illegal eavesdropping campaign waged against those in the public eye.

There had been earlier speculation about the possibility that Cherie Blair's



► Cherie Blair

phone had been hacked. Tony Blair's former spokesman, Alastair Campbell, has long wondered aloud about how the 1999 story of her pregnancy was obtained by the Daily Mirror.

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# BRACE YOURSELF TWITTERSPHERE, THERE'S A NEW TWIT IN TOWN

## HE SAYS ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE  
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As someone who considers himself on the cutting edge of technology, I recently began using a website known as Twitter. Have you heard of it? I've spent my entire life missing out completely on trends — MySpace, The Thong Song, OxyContin — so my late arrival to the still-flourishing site has been a real revelation (the good kind, not the end-times, Santorum kind).

Well, my stars. Twitter is like a million sites combined!

It's a sports site that lets me learn about false hockey trades from teenagers who have no higher goal in life than to pose as Bob McKenzie.

It's a journalism site that allows me to read a breaking news headline 87 times in rapid succession.

**"I myself have about 50 followers as I write this and, here's the exciting part, 43 of them I have never met before because they are too busy with their adult entertainment business."**

— 43 of them I have never met before because they are too busy with their adult-entertainment business. As soon as I joined, I was swarmed with new friends with names like Sexy McXXX and Sarah TryMyWebsite!, which I assume is Polish.

With its intrinsic goal of adding as many followers as possible, Twitter is a bit of a drug. The notifications button on Facebook is only a mild buzz compared to the straight-heroin injection of getting new Twitter followers.

I never dream about work, but the first day I started using Twitter I dreamt about it. Specifically, I dreamt I was super-excited because Lenny from The Simpsons followed me.

Here's the honest truth: I find the site oddly intimidating. Because, unlike Facebook, which pushes everyone toward a sort of echo-chamber conformity, Twitter is really whatever you make it.

It can be a huge knowledge resource, an insight into the famous and powerful, and a promotional tool. Or it can be a site that you use for cheap factoids, a reality-TV buzz and to avoid working.

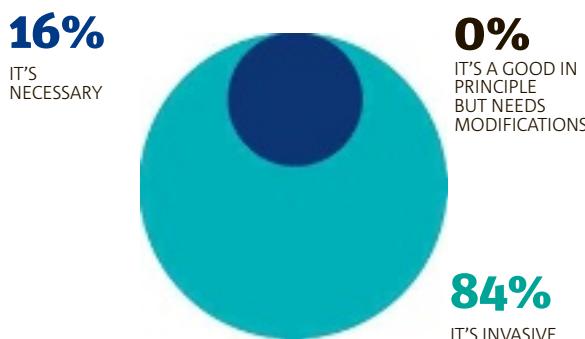
So will I be a Twitterati or just a Twit? I'll be following myself with interest.

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*Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at [metronews.ca/hesays](http://metronews.ca/hesays)*



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**What do you think of the government's new online-surveillance legislation?**



## Local tweets



- **@tweetsonlo:** It's interesting how one day after #TTC's Webster was fired, #OCTranspo's Mercier faced the same fate.
- **@epicyawn:** Glad to hear they "optimized" Alain Mercier. He's gone, just like my regular bus route. #OC-transpo
- **@cottawawestfash:** There isn't rage greater than bus rage. #OCTranspo
- **@xmichellelaurie:** Dying to see @simpleplan in Ottawa on Friday, but I don't have any money to get tickets :'

## Daily Zoom



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# Kevin Costner come to mind?

## Not only seen in the movies

For a while, they called it "Kevin" after actor Kevin Costner, who starred in the 1995 flick Waterworld.

The name didn't stick, even in the mind of Zachary Berta, the Harvard University grad student who discovered the planet. "Planet Kevin" is called GJ1214b. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



**"GJ1214b is like no planet we know of. A huge fraction of its mass is made up of water."**

ZACHARY BERTA

## GJ1214b facts

- **Planet of hot, hot water.** It orbits a red-dwarf star at a distance of just two million kilometres, meaning temperatures on the planet are above 200 C.
- **'Super Earth.'** It's about 2.7 times the Earth's diameter and almost seven times its weight.

## Experts discover 'water world'

**SPACE.** For years, water worlds have been the stuff of space sci-fi; now they're reality. Experts have revealed that the planet GJ1214b is a new classification of celestial body: a mix of water and high temperatures that could help host alien life. Other planetary types are: rocky (Earth), gas (Jupiter) and ice (Uranus). ● **MWN**

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**GJ1214b is 40 light years from Earth. It's believed GJ1214b formed farther out from its star, where water ice was plentiful, and migrated inward early in the system's history, thus passing through the star's "habitable zone."**

## Telescope helps clear the haze

**DISCOVERY.** Analysis of the watery planet in 2010 suggested that it was simply covered by a "haze," similar to that surrounding Saturn's moon Titan. But the latest results from NASA's Hubble Space Telescope show that it more likely has a thick atmosphere of water vapour. This "super-Earth" was first discovered in 2009. ● **MWN**



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# Aniston's escape

► In *Wanderlust*, Jennifer Aniston runs away from modern life ► How she got in touch with her hippie side



Jennifer Aniston's character in *Wanderlust* runs away from the modern life she and her husband (played by Paul Rudd) share to live in a Utopian, free-love commune in rural Georgia, and the actress admits the impulse to disappear isn't all that unfamiliar.

"Every day, yes," she says of feeling that way. "I mean, for me, going to Clarksville [Georgia] and shooting this movie was a version of that, honestly, because there were no paparazzi and there was no secret little tricky cellphone pictures being taken. It was just this great community and these amazing people."

Maybe getting into the

hippie spirit of the film's premise helped, but Aniston says she ended up learning a lot about herself just by the change of environment. "For me, I really realized how walled I was, and not consciously so, but just this armour that I kind of have, protective armour from — not my friends or people in my family, but just being outside in the world, always on guard or whatever," she says. "There's just this sigh of relief after week one just knowing, oh this is like John Travolta in the Boy in the Bubble. It was like, riding on a horse, out of the bubble!"

The image she's conjured reduces her to a fit of laughter, but there was a serious sense of self-improvement for Aniston to take away from the *Wanderlust* production. "It was special,

## Other career choices

► What would the *Wanderlust* star be doing if she wanted to run away from acting? "Well, there was the period where I wanted to be a therapist if the acting thing didn't work," she says. "I was always the girl that people would come to and talk about their problems. Still am."

it was really special ... to kind of get back in touch with that part of myself and that anonymity," she says. "I really made a conscious effort to know, 'Don't wall up like that.' I think you kind of miss out on a lot of stuff if you're so protected and isolated, in a way."



► Paul Rudd and Jennifer Aniston star in *Wanderlust*.

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## Wain talks free lovin'

With *Wanderlust*, director and co-writer David Wain sends a pair of Manhattanites down the communal living rabbit hole as they decide to move into an "intentional living" community led by a cult-ish womanizer (Justin Theroux). Metro chatted with Wain about the film.

### Why do you think hippies continue to be such a great source for comedy?

We all have sort of a fantasy of being that, you know? We all think like, what if we could just walk away from conventional life — and just relax and focus on enjoying every moment instead of doing whatever the f— we do.

### You're dealing with a good deal of sexual humour. How much do you worry about

### ratings and the MPAA?

Well, with Rated R you can do most anything, and usually if it's going to be too hard for an R then it's not that interesting to me. I don't necessarily want to show. I guess basically the other answer is I've never had an issue with them. All four movies I've done have been rated R, and ... none of them have come back and said, "Take something out." • NED EHRBAR

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## Lohan's career back on track?

It's been a good week for Lindsay Lohan, career-wise.

First, it was announced she'll be hosting Saturday Night Live again on March 3, and now sources say that the troubled actress has been confirmed to play Elizabeth Taylor in a Lifetime television movie about the screen icon, according to Hollyscoop.

The film, *Liz and Dick*, will focus on Taylor's relationship with Richard Burton.

A source says that as long as Lindsay stays out of trouble and fulfills all the obligations of her probation, the job is hers.

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# His lips are sealed

► Adam Levine refuses to dish dirt on Aguilera

## THE WORD

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In an interview on The Howard Stern Show on Tuesday, The Voice coach Adam Levine proved himself to be smart about a few topics.

Stern tried to get Levine to gossip about fellow mentor/judge Christina Aguilera's recent weight gain.

"Why do you think she's gotten so heavy? Is she upset?" Stern prodded.

"She used to be so (expletive) hot ... And her clothes are too tight,



► Adam Levine with girlfriend Anne V.

right?" the shock jock continued.

"When you're a plus-size woman, you can't wear the tight clothes anymore."

Levine responded diplomatically, stating: "I wouldn't go that far, actually."

And when Stern pushed the point, asking what size Aguilera is, the musician-turned-reality star wisely shut Stern down: "I'm keeping my (expletive) mouth shut."

Smart of him, right? Then the topic veered to Levine's Russian model girlfriend, Anne V.

"This is the longest, most functional relationship I've ever been in, I don't want to screw it up," he said.

## Celebrity tweets



I want a million followers.  
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@rihanna  
I can't believe I'm pullin an all nighter on my BDAY!!!

@JerrySeinfeld

So they're watching Knicks in Taipei but I can't get the game. #iliveheredammit

@TheRealRoseanne

I will appoint a native american as head of the dept. of Immigration.

# Barrymore pregnant?

Drew Barrymore was spotted leaving a Beverly Hills doctor's office with fiancé Will Kopelman by her side and a sonogram printout in her hand, according to TMZ.

So does this mean that the actress is expecting? Her rep had gave a firm "No comment" in response.

But it could explain why Barrymore isn't farther along in her wedding planning. At a recent event — to which she showed up in fairly loose-fitting clothing — Barrymore admitted she hadn't even started shopping for a wedding dress.

"Oh, gosh,



I don't know," she said.

"I've been trying to figure it out! All I know is that I want something tasteful, something timeless."

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► How Christopher Kane, McQ and Acne sold us on fall's most ubiquitous colour

# Burgundy is anything but bland

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As far as colours go, burgundy is a pretty lackluster follow-up to all the pops of yellow we saw for spring.

That age-old mix of red and brown brings to mind '80s corduroy, Avon lipstick and micro-suede couches sold at a deep discount in suburban furniture warehouses. Hardly something women would clamour to wear.

Simply put, the maroon parade that marched its way through New York was kind of a let down.

Then the London shows came along and things started to change.

In Christopher Kane's hands, the shade became sexually charged, Gothic and a little dangerous on his leather-trimmed dresses, padded coats and cigarette trousers.

Kane used a shade that more so resembled freshly drawn blood than living room curtains with a techie, moiré fabric that changed tones as the models moved. And that's exactly what made it so memorable.

The costume designers for True Blood should take



## Jeanne Space



@Jeanne\_Beker: Now that my still nameless little guy has started to test me: What's the best dog-walking outfit? (For me, not him!)



@patrickdisco: kelly bundy-esque pleather minidress, laceup stilettos and a big hair bow

@RadioGalDonna: I always wear my gym

pants to be comfy, and easy to wash if paw prints end up on them :)

@Jeanne\_Beker: Love it! An unpretentious pet

owner!! Makes practical sense, for sure....

@ReneeGold1: Lu Lu Lemons or a Juicy Couture Jogging Suit! Comfort is key!



► @BrantfordDiva:  
I would base your dog-walking outfit around these....



@juliawants:  
leggings, boots,  
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## What's trending

Military-inspired outerwear is hot for fall.

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## Mad Hatter

Hats and headresses of all kinds have popped up on New York and London's runways. We look at some of the wildest.

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► Marc Jacobs



► Jeremy Scott



► Louise Gray



Tough urban cool at Topshop Unique's London fashion show

# Spotlight-stealing Oscar snacks

► Years after winning Academy awards, *The Godfather* & *Silence of the Lambs* still fascinate viewers ► Even Don Vito Corleone & Hannibal Lecter wouldn't be able to resist these snacks

## The Godfather

The Godfather is a sweeping saga of crime, punishment and the complexity of family ties. But it has its

foodie side, too.

There's the ominous orange — you can expect trouble when one of these appears in the movie.

There's the scene where Clemenza teaches Michael Corleone how to make gravy (spaghetti sauce) because "you never know, you

might have to cook for 20 guys someday." And was there ever sager culinary counsel than this? "Leave the gun; take the cannoli."

### The Godfather



► This recipe makes 24 meatballs.

## Killer Recipe

Anthony Hopkins was brilliant in *The Silence of the Lambs* as Hannibal Lecter, the serial killer who boasted of consuming victims.

That's one way to solve the catering issue. But we'll go with this much less creepy (not to mention non-criminal) Chianti spritzer and fava crostini.

## Fava Crostini Preparation:

**1** In skillet, cook onions in olive oil until soft and brown. Add fava beans and cook until soft. Season with salt and pepper. Add lemon

juice and chopped parsley. Roughly mash the mixture.

**2** Serve spread on toasted slices of French bread with shavings of Parmesan cheese.

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### Ingredients:

- 2 yellow onions
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil
- 500 g (1 lb) pack frozen fava beans
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) chopped parsley
- French bread
- Parmesan cheese

## Peppered Chianti Spritzer

### Preparation:

**1** To cocktail shaker filled with ice, add vodka and Chianti. Shake; strain into cocktail glass. Top with seltzer water. Garnish with raspberries.

### Ingredients:

- 30 ml (1 oz) pepper-flavoured vodka
- 60 ml (2 oz) Chianti wine
- Seltzer water
- Fresh raspberries



## Silence of the Lambs

► This recipe makes 24 crostini



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## Corleone Cocktail

Here's a cocktail featuring Italian liqueur with a touch of orange to keep things interesting.

### Preparation:

**1** In a double old-fashioned glass, stir together Campari, Amaretto, bitters and Scotch. Garnish with an orange twist.

### Ingredients:

- 250 g (1/2 lb) of loose spicy Italian sausage
- 250 g (1/2 lb) lean ground beef
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) olive oil
- 4 cloves garlic
- 5 ml (1 tsp) crushed red pepper flakes
- 500 ml (2 cups) halved grape tomatoes
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) torn fresh basil

- 15 ml (1/2 oz) Campari
- 15 ml (1/2 oz) Amaretto liqueur
- Dash of bitters
- 45 ml (1 1/2 oz) Scotch whisky
- Orange twist

# Memories of summer...

► While you long for warmer days, try these ice-cream-inspired treats

Taking inspiration from the traditional banana split, here is a cookie combining many flavours into a rich cheesecake bar.

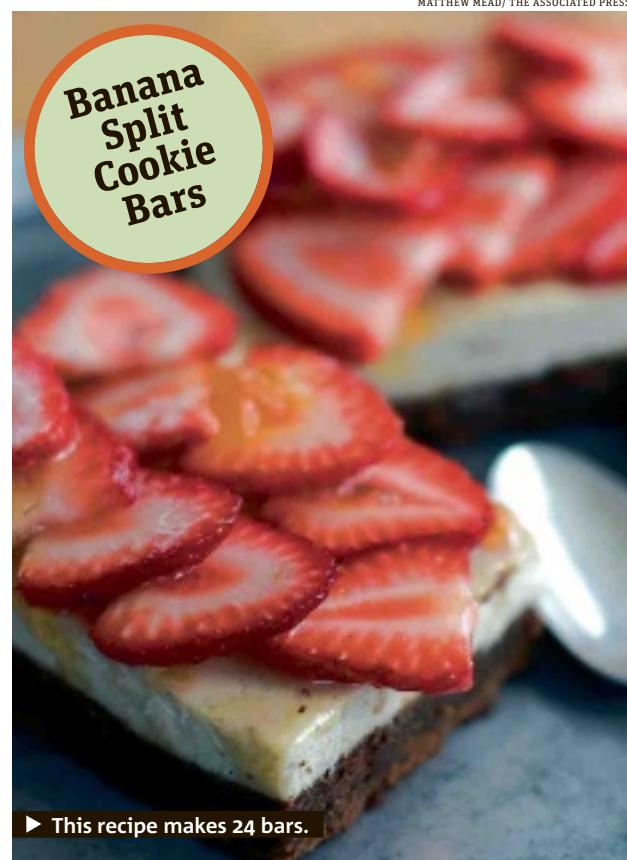
The recipe starts with a base of brownie and topped with a creamy banana cheesecake layer. To finish it off, it is layered with fresh cut strawberries and a thin layer of pineapple jam.

If you'd like, you can add a sprinkle of toasted chopped nuts to garnish.

## Banana Split Cookie Bars

### Preparation:

- 1 Heat the oven to 180 C (350 F). Coat a 23-by-33-cm (9-by-13-inch) baking pan with cooking spray.
- 2 In a microwave-safe bowl, heat the chocolate bits and butter on high for 1 to 2 minutes, stirring every 20 seconds, or until melted. Set aside.
- 3 In bowl, whisk sugar, flour and salt. Add eggs and vanilla and whisk until smooth. Stir in the chocolate-butter mix. Pour into prepared pan and bake 20 minutes. Remove pan from oven. If there are any bubbles in the crust, gently push them flat. Leave oven on.
- 4 To make the cheesecake layer, in a food processor,



► This recipe makes 24 bars.

combine the cream cheese, bananas, sugar, flour and salt. Process until completely smooth, scraping down the sides of the bowl. Add the eggs, one at a time, processing and scraping the bowl between additions. Pour the batter over the brownie crust and bake for 20 to 25 minutes, or

until the centre no longer jiggles. Cool, then refrigerate until completely chilled.

5 When cheesecake completely chilled, arrange sliced strawberries over the top. In microwave-safe bowl, mix pineapple jam and the 1 tablespoon of water. Microwave until

### Ingredients:

#### Brownie crust:

- 375 ml (12 ounces) semi-sweet chocolate bits
- 175 ml (3/4 cup or 1 1/2 sticks) unsalted butter
- 150 ml (2/3 cup) sugar
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) all-purpose flour
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt
- 4 eggs
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) vanilla extract

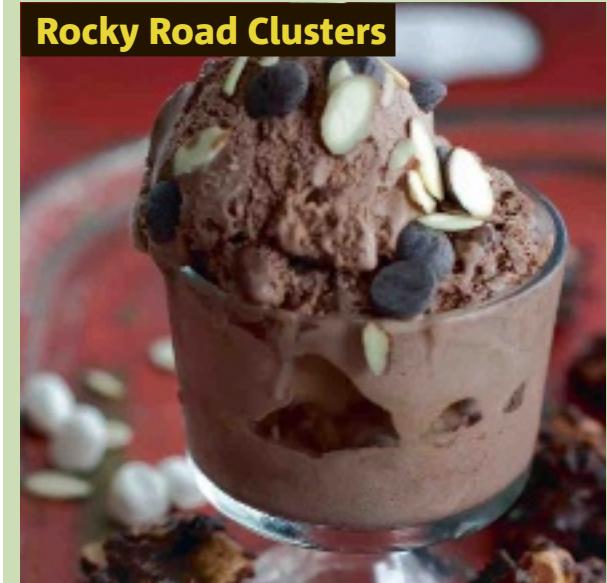
#### Cheesecake layer:

- Two 250 ml (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, room temperature
- 3 ripe bananas
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) sugar
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) all-purpose flour
- Pinch of salt
- 3 eggs

#### Topping:

- 1.25 L (1 quart) strawberries, hulled and sliced
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) pineapple jam
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) water

bubbling. Spoon jam over strawberries. Allow to chill for 15 minutes for the jam to set up. Cut into squares. Store, well wrapped, in the refrigerator. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS (PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND A TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA)**



### Preparation:

- 1 Line baking sheet with waxed paper; set aside.
- 2 Place sandwich cookies in large resealable plastic bag. Use rolling pin to crush cookies into small crumbs. Cut up marshmallows into pieces size of a pea. In bowl, combine cookie crumbs, marshmallow pieces and almonds.
- 3 In microwave-safe bowl, combine butter, corn syrup, chocolate bits. Microwave on High 2 mins., stirring every 20 seconds, or until completely smooth and melted.
- 4 Stir melted chocolate mix into cookies and marshmallows until

thoroughly coated. Using spoon, drop balls of mix onto prepared baking sheet. Allow to fully set; store in an airtight container at room temperature between sheets of waxed paper. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS**

### Ingredients:

- 18 cream-filled chocolate sandwich cookies
- 500 ml (2 cups) regular marshmallows
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) toasted sliced almonds
- 125 ml (1/2 cup or 1 stick) unsalted butter
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) corn syrup
- 375 ml (12 ounces) semisweet chocolate bits

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# Powerful Punch

► Scotland's BrewDog smashes through with Sink The Bismarck



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Man has always been driven in the pursuit to be all they can be, and the competitive spirit that compels us to greatness is alive and well in the beer industry as brewers continue to try to outdo each other.

With most of our everyday beers sitting somewhere between four to six per cent alcohol by volume (ABV), the Swiss-brewed Samichlaus had been listed in the Guinness World Records as the strongest beer in the world for ages at 14 per cent ABV, and everybody seemed to be fine with that — for a while.

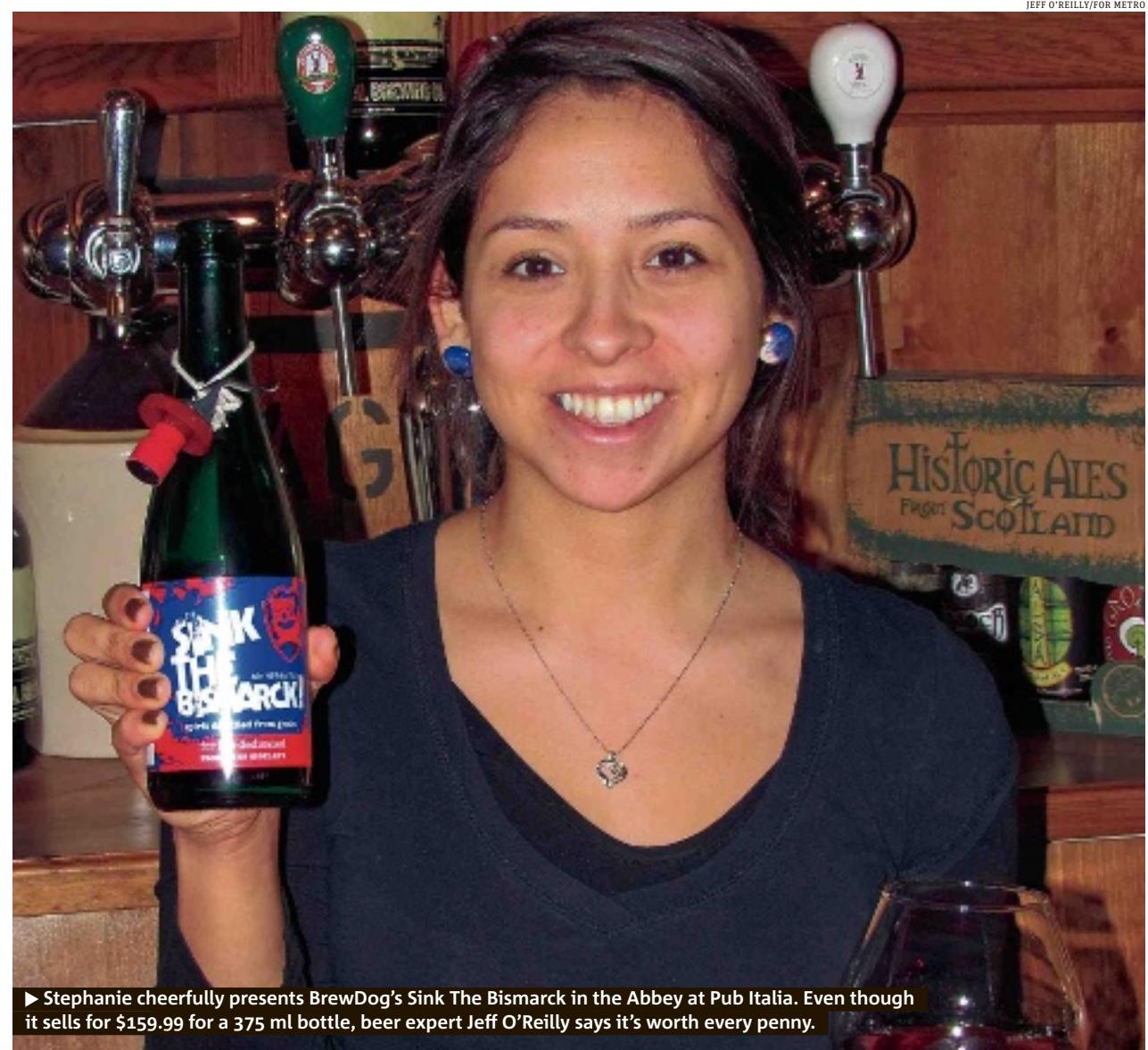
But then a number of brewers decided it was time to turn the volume up to 11 and people took notice. By experimenting with ingredients like champagne yeasts to drive up alcohol content, American brewing icons Samuel Adams were able to push

## Record holder

► Germany's Schorschbräu brewery's Schorschbock 57, weighing in at 57.5 per cent ABV, is the current "strongest beer of the world," but I wouldn't be surprised if BrewDog ups the ante again ... and soon.

ABVs up into the 20s with Millennium and Utopia, but the wildest and most creative efforts came from rebellious Scottish craft brewer BrewDog as it simply threw conventional practices to the wayside and rewrote the rulebook.

Driven to completely smash the existing limits, BrewDog began releasing brands like the Tactical Nuclear Penguin Imperial Stout at 32 per cent ABV and Sink The Bismarck India Pale Ale at 42 per cent ABV before producing only a dozen bottles of End Of History — a whopping 55 per cent ABV Strong Belgian Ale, which saw these rare bottles packaged in stuffed dead squirrels and selling for up to 700 pounds per bottle. It raised more than a few eyebrows, but gave them worldwide attention, not only for the extreme and unusual marketing techniques, but also



► Stephanie cheerfully presents BrewDog's Sink The Bismarck in the Abbey at Pub Italia. Even though it sells for \$159.99 for a 375 ml bottle, beer expert Jeff O'Reilly says it's worth every penny.

for the liquids BrewDog was creating.

By employing a fractional freezing technique used in Eisstocks, they freeze the beer and remove the ice until they have reached their desired alcohol level (which seems to continue to climb, as does the price tag). With a combination of high expectation and nervous anticipation I am ready to expose my palate to one of the world's strongest beers.

Sink The Bismarck IPA is quadruple hopped and frozen four times and the results of this painstaking procedure are magnificent.

Pouring a beautiful, deep burnished orange colour with only the slightest hint of head, this beer clings to the glass with legs for miles. The nose is intense and intoxicating — sharp and refined before releasing compelling tastes of burnt sugar, caramel and

molasses sweetness up front before big boozy tinges sting the tongue. Huge raisin and fig flavours arise with subtle hints of anise, citrus, smoke, wood and resin in a thick, pleasantly sticky mouth feel that warms the cheeks, tongue and chest.

Comparisons to cognac and tawny ports are likely comparisons to other beers, but make no mistake, this is definitely a powerhouse brew — one that should be shared amongst friends for a special occasion as it is a deadly combination of lethal and delicious.

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► Passion is evident in the food at John Taylor's Genuine Food & Wine Bar

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It's no mistake the word "genuine" is in its name — genuinely excellent food, service and intimate dining is what you will get at John Taylor's Genuine Food & Wine Bar.

Regional and highly seasonal ingredients inspire the menu, as at sister restaurant Domus Café. Located across from the Mayfair Theatre, the space is small yet elegant with long booths and a few nooks for larger parties.

Upon first bite of our charcuterie it wasn't surprising to learn that all terrines and smoked fish were made in-house. The maple foie gras had hints

### Fine dining

- There is a large Canadian wine list (many options from Prince Edward Island and British Columbia).

of brandy and was served with pickled ginger, caramelized onions and cranberry compote. There was care put into the selection of Québécois cheeses (some raw, organic) for the platter and plenty of crostini was refilled before asking.

This passion for fresh produce can be tasted immediately. The Juniper Farms salad with roasted rainbow beets and Québécois Grey Owl goat cheese was elevated to star quality

- All regional produce inspires the menu.
- It's a fine dining experience that most restaurants in Ottawa aspire to but never achieve.

with slivers of apple and sweet vinaigrette.

Similarly, the mushroom soup was mild at first, but with chunks of cured bacon and spiked with truffle oil it became a gourmand's dream.

Though there were only a few plump potato gnocchi, the Digby scallops were phenomenal — perfectly caramelized on top and generous in size. A gingery carrot and bacon sauce complemented the meatiness of the scallop.

This is one of the few restaurants where both meat eaters and vegans can enjoy fine dining. The tofu in the vegetarian cassoulet was expertly fried and richly flavoured. It was paired deliciously with smoky white beans and roasted Brussels sprouts and parsnip pieces by chefs that clearly understand vegetarian cuisine in the exposed kitchen.

If you are an adventurous foodie, Taylor's offers a "blind menu" where the chef will decide a five-course meal for you with delicious results. Reservations are recommended.

John Taylor's Genuine Food & Wine Bar is located at 1091 Bank St. For more, see [taylorsgenuine.ca](http://taylorsgenuine.ca).

## Family farms are here to stay



Are you one of those folks who is concerned that factory farms managed from boardrooms have taken over the food production industry, destroyed traditional family farming and have left rural North America virtually deserted?

If so, you can relax — their importance is very much overstated. According to the United States Department of Agriculture, only one farm in 200 is a so-called "corporate farm," while the rest are mostly family farms of which a half are less than 100 acres. Yes, corporate factory farms tend to be larger than average, but family farms still produce an overwhelming 85 per cent of all food in the U.S., where a lot of our groceries originate.

The Canadian situation

is very similar. Furthermore, the only area where factory farms have any real presence is in the production of eggs, poultry, pork, beef and, to some extent, dairy products.

As to factory farms depleting the rural population, this too is far from the truth. According to the recently released census, the rural population in Canada actually grew between 2006 and 2007.

One surprising development in the U.S. is the fact that the number of farms managed by women has doubled in recent years and now stands at 10 per cent of the total. In other words, for every factory farm with a corporate style of management, there are 20 family farms run by a woman.

While some may not be pleased with the fact that so-called factory farms play any role in our food supply, their place in the overall scheme of things is quite modest.

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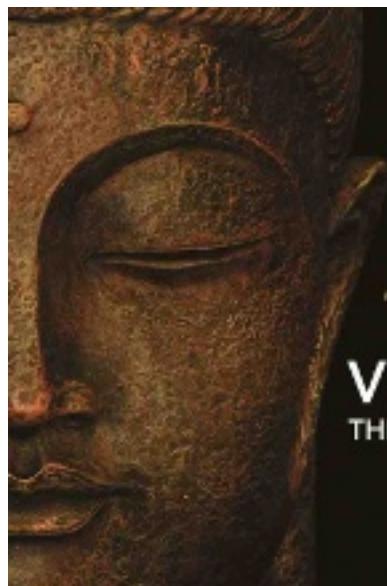
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► Lemon Fetish can beat the blahs

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Hailing from Prince Edward County, Fifth Town Artisan Cheese Co.'s littlest cheese family member is one of more than 20 varieties of sheep, goat and cow milk cheeses.

A pretty package,



► Lemon Fetish cheese.

Lemon Fetish is an unripened, feta-style sheep's milk cheese made from Local Food Plus milk producers, and shaped in small, round wheels weighing in at only 100 grams, but delivering a huge impression.

Rolled in Red Fife wheat and lemon zest, the paste (inside of the cheese) has a dry, crumbly texture. Enjoy citrus and sour cream notes, and fresh, clean, tangy and salty flavours. A little goes a long way thinly sliced over mixed greens, to garnish a gourmet vegetable quiche or anywhere you would use traditional feta cheese.

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# Where meat is worshipped

► The Smoque Shack serves up authentic southern-style barbecue

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Born out of the ashes of Sweetgrass Bistro, The Smoque Shack has created a new place in the hearts of barbecue and meat lovers across this city. The ox skull that hangs on the wall gives diners the clear idea: This is where meat is worshipped.

Only open since December, The Smoque Shack has set itself up for the hockey game hangout. The converted house is large and looks like a sports bar with flatscreen TVs, wooden booths and flooded with natural light.

The way the menu works is that you order your proteins first and then choose from a mix of traditional southern sides like collard greens with pork rinds, baked beans with smoky bites of bacon



► The pulled pork sandwich at The Smoque Shack, located at 129 York St.

moist cornbread side.

And that's genuine Jamaican jerk sauce on the pork shoulder. Definitely getting a kick from some Scotch bonnet peppers, the hotness is well-honed so you can taste flavours from the allspice and cinnamon. When you are gnawing away, check out the ring on the bone created from the smoking process that can take up to 12 hours.

The selection of beers like Kichissippi and Beau's are just the ticket for washing down all of that meat.

Soon enough you will be dreaming of being in the heart of Texas, but in the meantime, hit up The Smoque Shack for the next best thing.

The Smoque Shack is located at 129 York St. For more information, see smoqueshack.com.

and brisket, or baked home-style macaroni and cheese. Serving them family-style is part of the fun.

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► Give the heart of your home a little CPR: Karl Lohnes adds some style to an outdated kitchen



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Q. I am a renter and plan to stay in my place for three to five years. I'd like to paint the outdated oak cupboards in my small kitchen. Any suggestions on colour?

A. Small kitchens tend to look their best when treated with a monochromatic colour scheme; meaning that all the finishes in the small space are similar in colour and tone.

If you are not investing in a new countertop or

backsplash then find your inspiration for a paint colour from the existing elements that you will not be changing.

For instance, if you have a grey speckled countertop choose a grey paint colour and other grey elements for the kitchen. One of my favourites is Benjamin Moore's Escarpment CC-518.

Paint everything in the kitchen the same colour; the cupboards will be painted in a gloss oil paint, the walls in a flat latex and the backsplash can be painted with a melamine paint for durability.

For a professional, smooth paint finish consider sending the cupboard doors and drawers out to be sprayed.

## Kitchen karma

Here are a few other inexpensive ideas for sprucing up your kitchen.

► Baby got backsplash: Use peel-and-stick floor tile as a backsplash. Choose a matte, textured finish that resembles stone or marble. It's durable and easily removed by the next tenant if they want a new look.

► Tickle your faucet fancy: Replace your faucet; it's like jewelry for the kitchen. Splashy styles can be found at big box stores for inexpensive prices.

► Hide-and-seek: Use invisible knobs, which cost less than a dollar each and



help to give a streamlined look to cupboard doors and drawers.

► Work some industrial magic: Install outdoor-style lighting to help give your kitchen a hip industrial look.

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Dear Charles the butler,  
I have a very dirty microfibre couch and no idea how to clean it. The instructions said

dish soap/water, but that just leaves a water stain, which looks worse.  
Thanks,  
Trevor

Dear Trevor,  
You are absolutely correct. Generally when you treat a single stain in a specific location you run a high risk of creating a different spot.

This new spot is the "treated" area and it becomes a different colour from the rest of the fabric that hasn't been treated.

So often "spot" cleaning can be very tricky if you are not a professional. Remember that professionals bring years of experience and often are worth the investment. In order to correctly remove a stain, you must know what the stain is so that you can use the correct treatment for best results.

Usually for a piece of upholstered fabric you need to treat then clean either the entire cushion or the entire couch. I have absolutely no connection with Bissell but

I have used their Portable Deep Cleaner with great success. This has worked for me to clean both an individual stain and the entire chair or couch.

One final note, don't let items get too dirty. The dirtier an item, the harder it is to clean, and testing your cleaning product/technique somewhere where it will not be seen is always a good idea!

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# Caps can't quell Karlsson

► Sens blueliner sets franchise standard in assists ► Michalek surpasses career-high in goals

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Erik Karlsson and Milan Michalek each had three points Wednesday as the Ottawa Senators defeated the Washington Capitals 5-2.

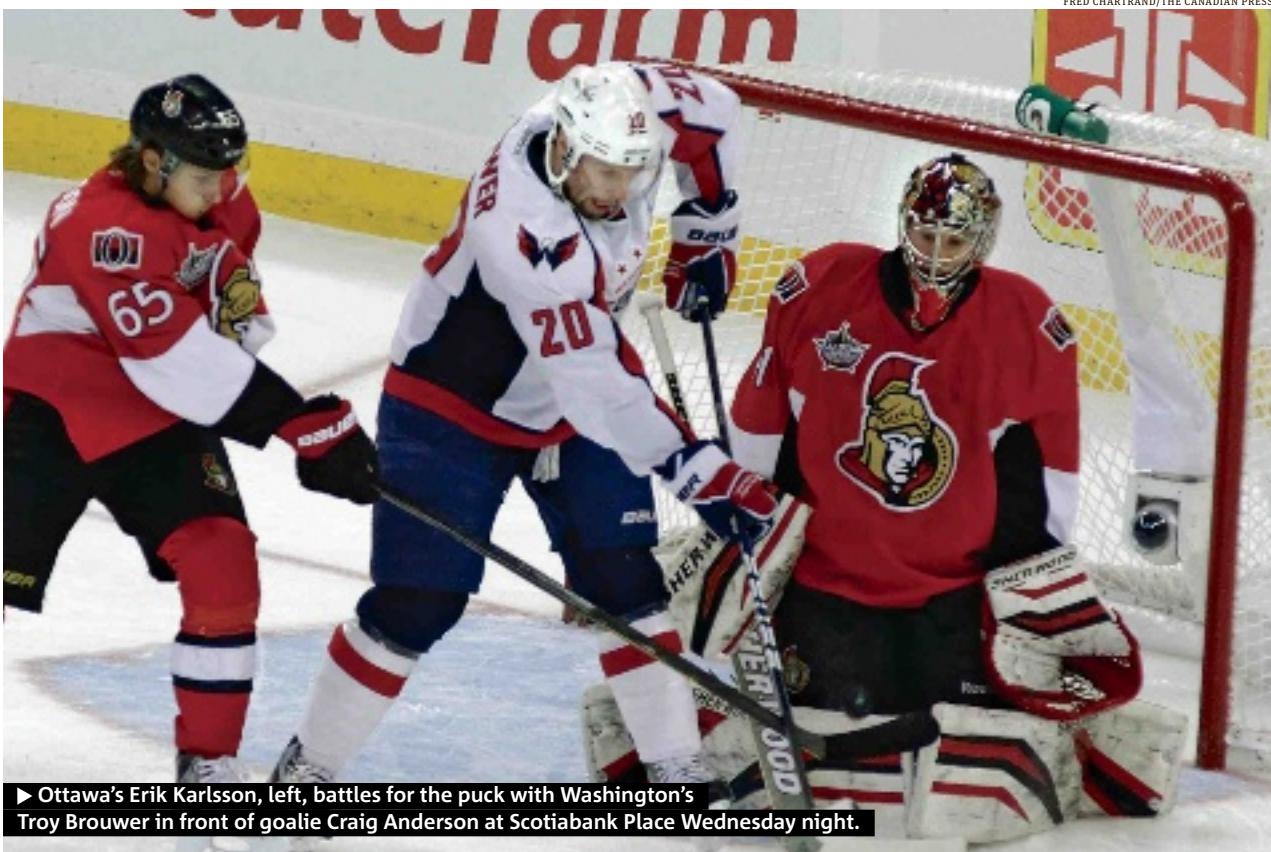
Karlsson finished with a goal and two assists to set a new franchise record for assists by a defenceman in a season with 47.

The 21-year-old has seven points in his last two games. His 60 points on the season give him a 20-point lead on Florida's Brian Campbell for the NHL lead in scoring by a defenceman.

Michalek added two goals and an assist, while Chris Phillips, with his fourth goal in six games, also scored for Ottawa (32-22-8). Nick Foligno, with his first goal in 19 games, scored in to an empty net.

Craig Anderson was solid facing 35 shots to pick up the win.

John Carlson and Mathieu Perreault replied for the



► Ottawa's Erik Karlsson, left, battles for the puck with Washington's Troy Brouwer in front of goalie Craig Anderson at Scotiabank Place Wednesday night.

Capitals (29-26-5). Tomas Vokoun allowed four goals on 11 shots before being replaced midway through the second by Michal Neuvirth. He finished with 14 saves.

Ottawa jumped out to a 2-0 lead on the back of Karlsson.

The smooth-skating defenceman opened the scoring at the nine-minute mark of the first with a shot

## 21-4

Ottawa has outscored its opponents 21-4 in its last four games.

that beat Vokoun through the legs. Five minutes later Karlsson fed Michalek who made a great move around Dennis Wideman before

beating Vokoun in close.

Michalek added his second of the night on a deflection off of Karlsson's shot on the power play early in the second. Michalek's 27th of the season set a new career-high.

Vokoun's night came to an end after Phillips made it 4-0 midway through the period.

With just one victory in

their last seven starts, the Capitals are desperate to get their post-season push back on track. It didn't help that Alex Ovechkin missed the game with a lower body injury and is listed as day-to-day.

Despite being in a huge hole, Washington showed some jump in the third period to cut the Ottawa lead to 4-2. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

# Santos, Cordero solidify back of Jays' bullpen

Toronto Blue Jays manager John Farrell has one less decision to make this season.

He knew before spring training even started how the back of the Blue Jays' bullpen would look: Sergio Santos will be his closer and Francisco Cordero the setup man.

The starting rotation? He's far less certain about that.

Coming into camp, Farrell envisions a starting rotation of Ricky Romero, Brandon Morrow, Brett Cecil, Henderson Alvarez and Dustin McGowan. But he said, "that doesn't mean

that starters Kyle Drabek, Aaron Laffey, guys that are in camp here, (don't) have an opportunity to make this club."

Farrell added: "We're also looking forward to the exposure that (minor league prospects Drew) Hutchison, (Chad) Jenkins, (Deck) McGuire are going to get to make an impression."

The Blue Jays acquired Santos in a trade with the White Sox after he saved 30 games in his first season as closer for Chicago and second in the big leagues over all. Cordero had 37 saves for Cincinnati



► Sergio Santos

"When you look at the acquisition of Sergio, he gives us that one guy to really go back to that's a little more clear cut today going into 2012," Farrell said Wednesday after half the Blue Jays' pitchers went through their first workout. The other half will do it Thursday.

"Nothing against the group that was here a year ago, but it's just a more defined closer to let everyone slot in prior to getting to him," Farrell said about Frank Francisco, who had 17 of Toronto's 33 saves, and Jon Rauch (11).

The setup man doesn't

have the cachet that goes with being a closer. But Farrell said baseball people who have worked with Cordero call him "a complete team player. And the fact that he's been a very good closer in his career (327 saves, 3.17 ERA over 13 seasons), he knew the situation he was coming into."

"He's accepting of that eighth-inning role and I think that speaks more about him as a person," Farrell said. "You can look at the numbers and clearly see the success he's had late in the game."

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**NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE****EASTERN CONFERENCE**

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-NY Rangers	58	38	15	1	4	161	118	81	19-7-0-2	19-8-1-2	7-3-0-0	L1
d-Boston	57	35	20	1	1	190	132	72	18-10-1-1	17-10-0-0	4-6-0-0	L2
d-Florida	58	27	20	5	6	144	162	65	14-8-1-6	13-12-4-0	5-5-0-0	L3
New Jersey	59	35	20	1	3	168	162	74	16-10-0-3	19-10-1-0	8-1-0-1	W4
Philadelphia	59	33	19	2	5	198	181	73	14-10-1-4	19-9-1-1	4-5-0-1	W1
Pittsburgh	60	34	21	2	3	186	160	73	18-8-2-0	16-13-0-3	5-4-0-1	W1
Ottawa	61	31	22	6	2	185	183	70	15-11-2-1	16-11-4-1	4-4-2-0	W3
Toronto	60	29	24	4	3	181	184	65	16-9-3-2	13-15-1-1	4-5-1-0	L2
Winnipeg	62	29	26	4	3	157	175	65	18-9-1-2	11-17-3-1	5-4-1-0	L1
Washington	59	29	25	2	3	159	168	63	19-8-0-2	10-17-2-1	3-6-0-1	L2
Tampa Bay	59	27	26	3	3	166	197	60	18-9-1-1	9-17-2-2	5-3-2-0	W3
Buffalo	60	26	27	3	4	150	176	59	15-11-3-4	11-16-0-0	5-3-0-2	W2
NY Islanders	60	25	27	5	3	139	171	58	13-14-5-0	12-13-1-2	4-5-0-1	L2
Montreal	61	24	27	2	8	160	167	58	11-14-2-6	13-13-0-2	5-4-0-1	L2
Carolina	60	23	26	7	4	158	181	57	16-12-0-3	7-14-7-1	6-2-2-0	W1

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Detroit	61	41	18	1	1	191	141	84	26-2-1-0	15-16-0-1	7-2-0-1	L1
d-Vancouver	60	38	16	0	6	195	147	82	18-6-0-4	20-10-0-2	7-1-0-2	L1
d-San Jose	58	31	20	4	3	170	148	69	18-9-2-0	13-11-2-3	3-6-1-0	L4
St. Louis	59	36	16	1	6	150	117	79	26-3-1-3	10-13-0-3	7-3-0-1	L1
Nashville	60	35	19	3	3	168	155	76	19-7-2-2	16-12-1-1	5-3-0-2	W2
Chicago	61	33	21	4	3	191	179	73	21-6-1-3	12-15-3-0	4-6-0-0	W4
Phoenix	60	30	21	3	6	157	151	69	16-10-2-2	14-11-1-4	8-1-0-1	W3
Los Angeles	60	27	21	5	7	128	131	66	15-13-0-4	12-8-5-3	3-5-1-1	L3
Calgary	60	28	23	5	4	143	161	65	16-9-1-1	12-14-4-3	5-2-2-1	L1
Dallas	60	30	26	1	3	155	167	64	16-12-0-2	14-14-1-1	4-4-1-1	W1
Colorado	60	29	27	3	1	151	168	62	16-13-0-1	13-14-3-0	3-5-1-1	L1
Minnesota	59	26	24	2	7	131	154	61	14-10-1-3	12-14-1-4	2-6-0-2	W1
Anaheim	60	25	25	4	6	154	171	60	15-13-2-0	10-12-2-6	6-1-1-2	L1
Edmonton	59	23	30	2	4	159	178	52	15-10-2-2	8-20-0-2	5-4-1-0	W1
Columbus	60	18	35	2	5	142	198	43	11-16-1-2	7-19-1-3	5-4-1-0	W1

**d**—division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

**Last night's results**

Washington at Ottawa  
Boston at St. Louis  
Los Angeles at Colorado  
**Tuesday's results**  
Edmonton 6 Calgary 1  
Dallas 3 Montreal 0  
Nashville 3 Vancouver 1  
New Jersey 4 Toronto 3 (OT)  
Philadelphia 5 Winnipeg 4 (OT)  
Buffalo 2 N.Y. Islanders 1  
Chicago 2 Detroit 1  
Columbus 6 San Jose 3  
Phoenix 5 Los Angeles 4 (SO)  
Pittsburgh 2 N.Y. Rangers 0  
Tampa Bay 3 Anaheim 2  
**Tonight's games**  
San Jose at Toronto, 7 p.m.  
Anaheim at Carolina, 7 p.m.  
Minnesota at Florida, 7:30 p.m.  
Vancouver at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.  
St. Louis at Nashville, 8 p.m.  
Tampa Bay at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.  
Dallas at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.  
Phoenix at Calgary, 9 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.  
**Tomorrow's games**  
Vancouver at New Jersey, 7 p.m.  
N.Y. Rangers at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.  
Montreal at Washington, 7 p.m.  
Colorado at Columbus, 7 p.m.  
Boston at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.  
Minnesota at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

**SCORING LEADERS**

	G	A	PT
Malkin, Pgh	33	40	73
Stamkos, TB	42	28	70

Not including last night's games

**LATE TUESDAY****COYOTES 5, KINGS 4 (SO)****First Period**

1. Los Angeles, Doughty 6 (Brown, King) 6:18  
2. Los Angeles, Loktionov 3 (Martinez, Greene) 12:32  
3. Los Angeles, Brown 14 (Mitchell, Richards) 14:44

**Penalties** — None.**Second Period**

4. Phoenix, Vrbata 29 (Hanzal, Whitney) 0:50 (pp)  
5. Phoenix, Doan 17 (Hanzal, Vrbata) 5:26 (pp)  
6. Los Angeles, Williams 12 (Kopitar, Richards) 11:51 (pp)

7. Phoenix, Doan 18 (Hanzal, Kopiskoski) 17:07

**Penalties** — Johnson LA (holding) 0:28, Greene LA (tripping) 5:15, Summers Pho (hooking) 6:38, Aucoin Pho (high-sticking) 10:49, Greene LA (tripping) 13:02.

**Third Period**

8. Phoenix, Vrbata 30 (Kopiskoski) 17:33 (pp)  
**Penalties** — Kopitar LA (interference) 4:48, Torres Pho (tripping) 6:50, Clifford LA (tripping) 11:23, Clifford LA (match penalty), Yandle Pho (roughing) 13:47.

**Overtime**

No Scoring.

**Penalties** — None.**Shootout**

Phoenix wins 2-1  
Los Angeles (1) — Richards, miss; Brown, goal; Johnson, miss; Phoenix (2) — Whitney, goal; Vrbata, miss; Boedker, goal.

**Shots**

Los Angeles 14 10 4 1-29  
Phoenix 5 14 7 3-29

**Goal** — Los Angeles: Quick (L,24-16-11); Phoenix: Smith (W,26-14-7). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Los Angeles: 1-3; Phoenix: 3-7.

Att. — 10,842 (17,135) at Glendale, Ariz.

**HAWKS 2, WINGS 1****First Period**

1. Detroit, V.Filppula 17 (Kindl, Hudler) 2:22 (pp)

**Penalties** — Kruger Chi (tripping) 0:34, Holmstrom Det (tripping) 6:09, Hudler Det (interference) 12:30.

**Second Period**

2. Chicago, Hayes 5 (Bickell, Keith) 7:45

**Penalties** — Morrison Chi (slashing) 3:15, Seabrook Chi (holding) 10:46, Helm Det (tripping) 14:13.

**Third Period**

3. Chicago, Kruger 7 (Brunette, Hayes) 1:53

**Penalties** — None.

**Shots**

Detroit 9 16 7 32

Chicago 10 12 7 29

**Goal** — Detroit: Howard (L,32-12-1); Chicago: Crawford (W,22-14-5).

**Power plays (goals-chances)** — Detroit: 1-3; Chicago: 0-3.

**Referees** — Stephane Auger, Chris Lee. **Linesmen** — David Brisebois, Mike Cvik.

Att. — 22,027 (19,717) at Chicago.

**SOCCER****EUROPA LEAGUE****SECOND ROUND**

**Yesterday's result**  
Manchester City 4 (England), FC Porto (Portugal) 0 (Manchester City advances 6-1 on aggregate)

**EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE****SECOND ROUND****First Leg**

**Yesterday's results**  
FC Basel (Switzerland) 1 Bayern Munich (Germany) 0  
Marseille (France) 1 Inter Milan (Italy) 0

**ENGLAND****LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP****Yesterday's result**

Hull 0 Brighton 0

**SCOTLAND****PREMIER LEAGUE****Yesterday's results**

Celtic 2 Dunfermline 0

Motherwell 4 Hibernian 3

**FRANCE****LIQUE 1****Yesterday's results**

Sochaux 0 Lille 1

Saint-Etienne 4 Lorient 2

Caen 2 Auxerre 1

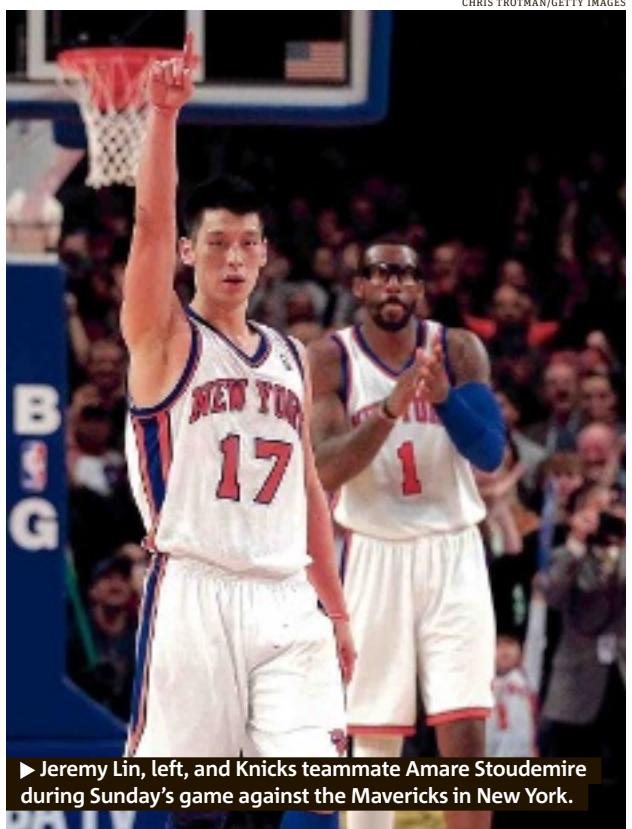
**ITALY****SERIE A****Yesterday's results**

Siena 0 Catania 1

**TRANSACTIONS****CFL**

**WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS**—Named Will Plemons defensive line coach and Chip Garber linebackers coach.

**NHL**



► Jeremy Lin, left, and Knicks teammate Amare Stoudemire during Sunday's game against the Mavericks in New York.

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# South Beach sizzles ahead of Lin's arrival

► NBA fans abuzz as star-studded Heat prepare to host Knicks sensation

The hottest team versus the hottest story.

Linsanity is on its way to Miami, and the Heat can finally say they're eager for the arrival.

It may be the NBA's marquee matchup so far this season, the phenomenon that is New York Knicks guard Jeremy Lin taking centre stage in Miami on Thursday against the NBA-leading Heat in both sides' finale before the All-Star break. Online ticket brokers reported early Wednesday that the aver-



age price of a seat on the resale markets is about \$600. Unless you want courtside seats, that is. They run about \$8,000 each.

"It's not about Jeremy Lin versus LeBron James,"

**"It could be one of the most watched games we've had in a long time, especially with what Jeremy Lin is doing."**

LEBRON JAMES

Heat guard Dwyane Wade said. "It's the Miami Heat versus the New York Knicks."

But the Lin story has already seemed to crank the intensity of the rivalry up

several more notches. Some Heat players and coaches have been getting asked about this matchup for more than a week already.

Entering Wednesday's game against Atlanta, New York was 8-2 with Lin in the rotation, and he's averaging 24.6 points and 9.2 assists in that stretch.

"The kid deserves it, he's worked hard, he's a great story," Wade said. "But for us, it's another game — a big game — and a chance to get a win."

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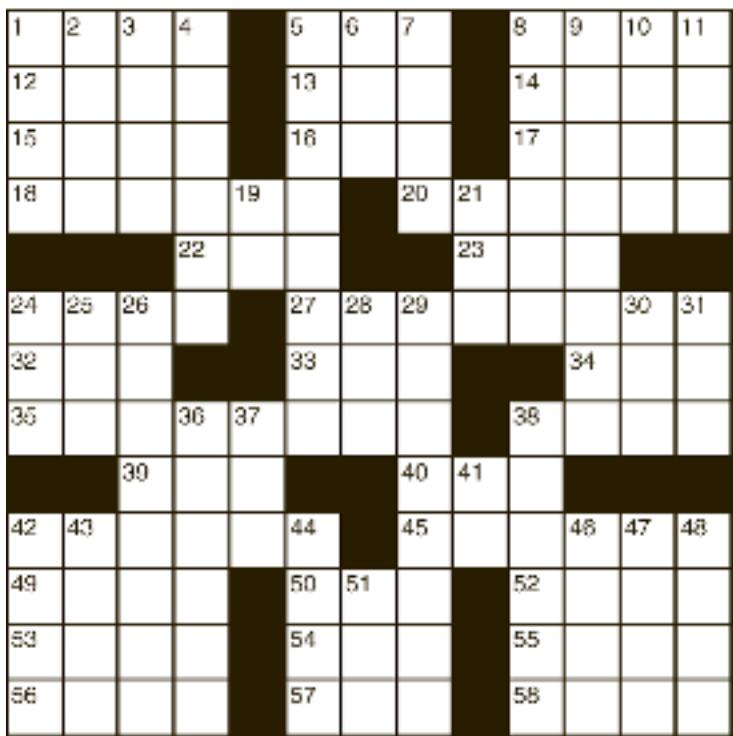
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**Across**

1 Beige  
5 Owns  
8 Excellent, in slang  
12 "You've got —"  
13 Individual  
14 Wealth source  
15 "— She Lovely"  
16 Periodical, for short  
17 Congregation's cry  
18 Government in power  
20 Stress  
22 Wrestling surface  
23 Towel designation  
24 Vocal comeback  
27 Snake-related  
32 To and —  
33 Personal question?  
34 Ernesto Guevara  
35 Middle-ear membrane  
38 Old card game  
39 Shade source  
40 Ram's mate  
42 Of Hebrew descent  
45 Lighthouse light  
49 Shaving cream additive  
50 Tokyo's old name  
52 Tardy  
53 Catherine, Henry VIII's sixth wife  
54 Moreover  
55 Grand story  
56 BPOE members  
57 Deposit  
58 Dilbert's workplace  
**Down**  
1 Eastern potentate  
2 24 bottles  
3 Peal



4 In the preceding month  
5 Where you grew up  
6 Literary collection  
7 Genesis name  
8 Tranquil  
9 Nostalgic, in a way  
10 Port of Yemen  
11 Camper's shelter  
19 Mother  
21 Actor McBride  
24 Salamander  
25 Weep  
26 Student's assignment  
28 Dien Bien — (Vietnam city)



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## Today's horoscope

**Aries** March 21-April 20

Both at home and at work you will be called on to shoulder heavy burdens over the next 24 hours.

**Taurus** April 21-May 21

With so many cosmic influences working in your favour now there is precious little you can do that will be perceived as wrong.

**Gemini** May 22-June 21

The sooner you assert your authority, the sooner you will get what you want. That applies to all areas.

**Cancer** June 22-July 22

Your pace of life may be too hectic for some people but the Sun in sympathetic Pisces means you thrive on the pressure.

**Leo** July 23-Aug. 23

Making money comes easy to you now but the question is: can you hang on to it? Don't waste what you earn on luxury goods.

**Virgo** Aug. 24- Sept. 22

You can expect some rather amazing things to happen today, but they will be even more amazing if you make them happen yourself.

**Libra** Sept. 23-Oct. 23

You are worrying for no reason.

Channel fears into creative activities to turn negative into positive.

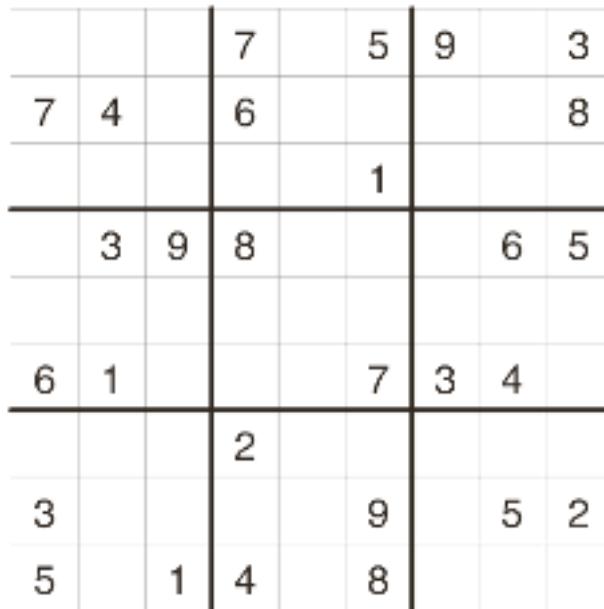
**Scorpio** Oct. 24-Nov. 22

The planets urge you to be more active, more assertive and more ambitious. It's a creative time.

## ► Yesterday's answer



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